

## Attachment A: Draft LES-FA Survey

**FA1** Please give your contact information here so the researchers can reach you with any questions after they review your survey. This information will be deleted as soon as the research team verifies that your survey is complete.

- Name and title (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- Telephone number (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- Email address (3) \_\_\_\_\_

### *NISMART LES-FA Definitions of Family Abduction and Family Member*

**FA2** Your agency's case number for this investigation is [number will be provided].

Please confirm that this incident involves a family member who took or kept a child in violation of a court order, written agreement or mutual understanding about custody or visitation rights.

A family member includes 1) a biological, adoptive, step or foster family member, 2) someone acting on behalf of such a family member, or 3) the romantic partner of a parent.

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- Don't know/Cannot determine (3)

Box 1

If FA2 = 2 (case is not FA) or FA2 = 3 (don't know) and respondent has no additional surveys, go to ENDSURVEY1. If FA2 = 2 or FA2 = 3 and respondent has additional surveys, go to ENDSURVEY2.

### *NISMART LES-FA Time Frame*

**FA3** Was this violation of a court order, written agreement or mutual understanding reported between [time frame to be established]?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- Don't know/Cannot determine (3)

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act, we cannot ask you to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 15 minutes per response as web survey and 30 minutes as telephone interview, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the National Institute of Justice, 810 Seventh Street NW, Washington, DC 20531.

Box 2

If FA3 = 2 (case not in time frame) or FA2 = 3 (don't know) and respondent has no additional surveys, go to ENDSURVEY1. If FA3 = 2 or FA3 = 3 and respondent has additional surveys, go to ENDSURVEY2.

*NISMART LES-FA Criteria for Missing Child*

**FA4** Did your agency make a missing child report about a child involved in this incident to ... (Please respond to both options.)

	Yes (1)	No (2)	Don't know/Cannot determine (3)
National Crime Information Center (NCIC)? (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Your state's Missing Child Clearing House? (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

*NISMART LES-FA criteria for Qualifying Family Abduction*

**FA5** Did a perpetrator in this incident ... (Please respond to all statements.)

	Yes (1)	No (2)	Don't know/Cannot determine (3)
Attempt to <u>conceal</u> the taking or whereabouts of a child with the intent to prevent return, contact or visitation? (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<u>Transport</u> or intend to transport a child from the state for the purpose of making recovery more difficult? (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Intend to <u>prevent contact</u> with a child on an indefinite basis? (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Intend to <u>affect custodial privileges</u> indefinitely? (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Box 3

If none of the answers to FA5 = 1 (Yes), and respondent has no additional surveys, go to ENDSURVEY1. If none of the answers to FA5 = 1 and respondent has additional surveys, go to ENDSURVEY2.

**FA6** Did the person who reported this incident primarily want law enforcement to...

- Locate and recover a child whose whereabouts were not known, or (1)
- Recover a child whose whereabouts were known? (2)
- Don't know/Cannot determine (4)

*NISMARTLES-FA Definition of Whereabouts Unknown*

**FA7** Did the person who reported this incident have an address, telephone number or other information that worked to contact the child or the perpetrator?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- Don't know/Cannot determine (3)

*NISMARTLES-FA Definition of Violation of Custody Agreement*

**FA8** Did the person who reported this incident state that a specific part of a court order, written agreement or mutual understanding about custody or visitation rights had been violated?

- Yes (1)
- No (2) \_\_\_\_\_ FA10
- Don't know/Cannot determine (3) \_\_\_\_\_ FA10

**FA9** What were the conditions of the court order, written agreement or mutual understanding that this episode violated?

[TEXT ENTRY] \_\_\_\_\_

*NISMART LES-FA Endangerment Categories*

**FA10** Did the person who reported this incident believe that a child was at risk of any of the following while in the company of the perpetrator? (Please respond to all options.)

	Yes (1)	No (2)	Don't know/Cannot determine (3)
Physical assault (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sexual assault (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Neglect of basic needs (food, shelter, supervision, etc.) (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Neglect of medical needs (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other health problem (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Physical injury (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

*NISMART LES-FA Narrative of Incident*

**FA11** Please describe briefly what happened during this episode. To the best of your knowledge, how did it take place and why? What happened to the child or children during and after the incident?

[TEXT ENTRY] \_\_\_\_\_

**FA12** Did your agency ultimately determine that this incident was a criminal matter or a civil matter?

- Criminal matter (1)
- Civil matter (2) \_\_\_\_\_ FA15
- Don't know/Cannot determine (3) \_\_\_\_\_ FA15

**FA13** Did your agency consider this to be an abduction or kidnapping?

- Yes (1) \_\_\_\_\_ FA15
- No (2)
- Don't know/Cannot determine (3)

**FA14** What type of criminal incident did your agency consider this to be?

- Custodial interference (1)
- Child endangerment (2)
- Denial of access to a child (3)
- Something else (Please describe) (4) \_\_\_\_\_
- Don't know/Cannot determine (5)

## CHILD CHARACTERISTICS

**FA15** Next are questions about each child involved in this incident. First, did this incident involve more than one child victim?

- Yes (Enter number of child victims) (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- No, 1 child victim (2)
- Don't know/Cannot determine (3)

If more than one child was involved, please start with the oldest.

**FA16** Is this child a boy or a girl?

- Boy (1)
- Girl (2)
- Don't know/Cannot determine (3)

**FA17** How old was this child when this incident was first reported to police?

- Less than 1 year old (1)
- 1 year old or older (Please enter age in years) (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- Don't know/Cannot determine (3)

**FA18** Is this child Hispanic or Latino/a?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- Don't know/Cannot determine (3)

**FA19** What is this child's race?

- White (1)
- Black or African American (2)
- American Indian or Alaska Native (3)
- Asian (4)
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (5)
- Other (Please describe) (6) \_\_\_\_\_
- Don't know/Cannot determine (7)

**FA20** Did the person who reported this incident have sole or joint custody of this child based on a court order, written agreement or mutual understanding?

- Yes, sole custody (1)
- Yes, joint custody (2)
- No, did not have custody (3)
- Don't know/Cannot determine (4)

Box 4

If FA15 = 1 (multiple children) and FA20 = 3 (no custody) or FA20 = 4 (don't know) go to Box 8.  
If FA15 = 2 (one child) and FA20 = 3 or FA20 = 4 and respondent has no additional surveys, go to ENDSURVEY1.  
If FA15 = 2 and FA20 = 3 or FA20 = 4 and respondent has additional surveys, go to ENDSURVEY2.

**FA21** How was the person who reported this incident related to this child as a family member?

A family member includes 1) a biological, adoptive, step or foster family member, 2) someone acting on behalf of such a family member, or 3) the romantic partner of a parent.

- Biological or adoptive mother (1)
- Biological or adoptive father (2)
- Step-mother (3)
- Step-father (4)
- Other relative such as grandparent, aunt, etc. [This option will pull up a pre-coded list.] (5)
- Foster parent (6)
- Legal guardian (7)
- Romantic partner of a parent, or (8)
- Someone acting on behalf of a family member [This option will pull up a pre-coded list.] (9)
- Someone else? (Please describe) (10) \_\_\_\_\_
- Don't know/Cannot determine (11)

**FA22** Was the perpetrator a family member of this child or acting on behalf of a family member of this child?

A family member includes 1) a biological, adoptive, step or foster family member, 2) someone acting on behalf of such a family member, or 3) the romantic partner of a parent.

- Yes, a family member (1)
- Yes, acting on behalf of a family member (2)
- No (3)
- Don't know/Cannot determine (4)

Box 5

If FA15 = 1 (multiple children) and FA22 = 3 (perpetrator not family member) or FA22 = 4 (don't know) go to Box 8. If FA15 = 2 (one child) and FA22 = 3 or FA22 = 4 and respondent has no additional surveys, go to ENDSURVEY1.

If FA15 = 2 (one child) and FA22 = 3 or FA22 = 4 and respondent has additional surveys, go to ENDSURVEY2.

If FA20 = 2 (the reporter had joint custody) and FA22 = 1 (perpetrator was family member) or FA22 = 2 (perpetrator was acting on behalf of a family member) go to FA23.

Otherwise go to FA25.

**FA23** Did the family member responsible for this incident share joint custody of this child with the person who reported it?

Answer "Yes" if the person responsible was acting on behalf of a family member who shared joint custody with the reporter of the incident.

- Yes (1) \_\_\_\_\_ FA25
- No (2)
- Don't know/Cannot determine (3) \_\_\_\_\_ FA25

**FA24** Who shared joint custody of this child with the person who reported this incident?

[TEXT ENTRY] \_\_\_\_\_

**FA25** How was the perpetrator related to the child? Was the perpetrator a...

- Biological or adoptive mother of the child (1)
- Biological or adoptive father of the child (2)
- Step-mother (3)
- Step-father (4)
- Other relative such as grandparent, aunt, etc. [This option will pull up a pre-coded list.] (5)
- Foster parent (6)
- Legal guardian (7)
- Romantic partner of a parent (8)
- Someone acting on behalf of a family member? [This option will pull up a pre-coded list.] (9)
- Don't know/Cannot determine (10)

**FA26** What parents did this child live with when this incident began?

- Two married biological parents (1)
- Two married parents, one or both not biological, but both having a legal relationship to the child, such as adoption (2)
- Two unmarried parents, biological or other (3)
- One unmarried parent with a live-in partner who was not the child's parent (4)
- A single parent (no live-in partner) (5)
- No parent (6)
- Other situation (Please describe) (9) \_\_\_\_\_
- Don't know/Cannot determine (10)

**FA27** As far as you know, did this child have any serious or permanent physical or mental disabilities, impairments or life threatening medical conditions when this incident was reported to police?

- Yes (Please describe) (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- No (2)
- Don't know/Cannot determine (3)

Box 6

If FA6 = 1 (reporter primarily wanted LE to locate and recover child whose whereabouts were unknown) go to FA28. If FA6 = 2 (reporter primarily wanted LE to recover a child whose whereabouts were known) go to FA29.



*NISMARTLES-FA Definition of Recovery*

**FA28** What was the outcome of this incident for this child?

- Returned home (1) \_\_\_\_\_ FA31
- Located, but not returned (2) \_\_\_\_\_ FA30
- Not returned and not located (3) \_\_\_\_\_ FA33
- Don't know/Cannot determine (4) \_\_\_\_\_ FA34

*NISMARTLES-FA Definition of Recovery*

**FA29** What was the outcome of this incident for this child?

- Returned home (1) \_\_\_\_\_ FA31
- Not returned home (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- Don't know/Cannot determine (4) \_\_\_\_\_ FA34

**FA30** Please explain why the child was not returned.

[TEXT ENTRY] \_\_\_\_\_

Box 7

If FA28 = 2 (the child was located but not returned) go to FA32.

If FA29 = 2 (the child was not returned) go to FA33.

**FA31** How long did the perpetrator keep the child in violation of a court order, written agreement or mutual understanding about custody or visitation before the child was returned home? (Your best estimate is fine.) Please enter the number of hours, days, weeks or months below.

- Hours (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- Days (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- Weeks (3) \_\_\_\_\_
- Months (4) \_\_\_\_\_
- Don't know/Cannot determine (5) \_\_\_\_\_

**FA32** How long did the perpetrator keep the child in violation of a court order, written agreement or mutual understanding about custody or visitation before the child was located? (Your best estimate is fine.) Please enter the number of hours, days, weeks or months below.

- Hours (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- Days (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- Weeks (3) \_\_\_\_\_
- Months (4) \_\_\_\_\_
- Don't know/Cannot determine (5)

**FA33** How long has the perpetrator kept the child in violation of a court order, written agreement or mutual understanding about custody or visitation? (Your best estimate is fine.) Please enter the number of hours, days, weeks or months below.

- Hours (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- Days (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- Weeks (3) \_\_\_\_\_
- Months (4) \_\_\_\_\_
- Don't know/Cannot determine (5)

**FA34** To the best of your knowledge, did this child suffer any physical or sexual abuse, neglect or injury during this episode?

- Yes (1)
- No (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Box 8
- Don't know/Cannot determine (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Box 8

**FA35** Did any of the following occur? (Please respond to all statements.)

	Yes (1)	No (2)	Don't know/Cannot determine (3)
The child was <u>sexually abused</u> (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The child was <u>physically abused</u> (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The child's <u>basic needs</u> were <u>neglected</u> (food, supervision) (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The child's <u>medical needs</u> were <u>neglected</u> (medications, medical care) (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The child suffered an <u>accidental injury</u> that required medical attention (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Something else (Please describe) (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Box 8

If FA15=1 (multiple children), questions FA16—FA35 will repeat for each child. After last child, go to FA36.

**PERPETRATOR CHARACTERISTICS**

**FA36** Did this incident involve more than one perpetrator?

- Yes (Enter number of perpetrators) (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- No, 1 perpetrator (2)
- Don't know/Cannot determine (3)

**FA37** Was the perpetrator male or female?

- Male (1)
- Female (2)
- Don't know/Cannot determine (3)

If more than one perpetrator, please answer the following questions about the family member who was most responsible for the incident.

**FA38** As far as you know, what was this perpetrator's age at the time of the report?

- Teens (1)
- 20s (2)
- 30s (3)
- 40s (4)
- 50s (5)
- 60s (6)
- 70s (7)
- 80s (8)
- Don't know/Cannot determine (9)

**FA39** Is he/she of Hispanic or Latino origin?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- Don't know/Cannot determine (3)

**FA40** What is his/her race?

- White (1)
- Black or African American (2)
- American Indian or Alaska Native (3)
- Asian (4)
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (5)
- Other (Please describe) (6) \_\_\_\_\_
- Don't know/Cannot determine (7)

## **CRIME CHARACTERISTICS**

**FA41** As part of this incident, did the perpetrator take a child to another state or country?

If more than one child, please answer the next questions about all of the children involved in the incident.

- Yes, another state (1)
- Yes, another country (2)
- No (3) \_\_\_\_\_ FA43
- Don't know/Cannot determine (4) \_\_\_\_\_ FA43

**FA42** Did the perpetrator take a child to another state or country for any of these reasons? (Please respond to all options.)

	Yes (1)	No (2)	Don't know/Cannot determine (3)
To take a vacation (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To go to the perpetrator's residence (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To visit relatives (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To make the recovery or return of a child more difficult (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To make contact with a child more difficult (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**FA43** Did the perpetrator do any of the following at any point during this incident? (Please respond to all options.)

	Yes (1)	No (2)	Don't know/Cannot determine (3)
Threaten violence to a child (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use force against a child (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use a weapon to threaten or harm a child (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Threaten violence to any other person (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use force against any other person (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use a weapon to threaten or harm any other person (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## POLICE INVESTIGATION

**FA44** How did your agency respond to the report? (Please respond to all options.)

	Yes (1)	No (2)	Don't know/Cannot determine (3)
<u>Took a report</u> over the telephone (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<u>Sent officers to</u> the child's household or to the scene (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<u>Interviewed</u> household members (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Made a <u>written report</u> (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Got <u>photos</u> of the child or children (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<u>Collected evidence</u> such as fingerprints or inventory (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<u>Questioned witnesses</u> or suspects (7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<u>Conducted a search</u> for the child/children (8)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Contacted <u>NCMEC</u> (11)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Made an <u>arrest</u> (12)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Investigated or responded in other ways (Please describe) (13)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**FA45** Did your agency bring other agencies into the investigation or refer the case to another agency?

- Yes, brought other agency or agencies into the investigation (1)
- Yes, referred the case to another agency (2)
- No (3)
- Don't know/Cannot determine (4)

Box 9

If FA45 = 3 (did not bring in or refer to other agencies) or FA45 = 4 (don't know) and respondent has no additional surveys, go to ENDSURVEY3. If FA45 = 3 or FA45 = 4 and respondent has additional surveys, go to ENDSURVEY4.

**FA46** What agencies were brought into the investigation or did you refer the case to? Please list each agency by name, county and state.

[TEXT ENTRY] \_\_\_\_\_

Box 10

If FA45 = 1 or FA45 = 2 (brought in or referred to other agencies), and respondent has no additional surveys, go to ENDSURVEY3. If FA45 = 1 or FA45 = 2 and respondent has additional surveys, go to ENDSURVEY4.

We would now like to ask you just a few questions about your experiences answering questions about this case.

**FA47** First, did you find any questions difficult to answer? If so, which ones and what them difficult?

**FA48** Are there any questions I should have asked about this case but didn't? If yes, what other parts of the case should we know about?

**FA49** How did you feel about the length of the survey?

**ENDSURVEY1** We are only including certain incidents in this study and this case does not qualify. There are no further questions about this case. Thank you for your time.

**ENDSURVEY2** We are only including certain incidents in this study and this case does not qualify. Please use this link to access questions about your next case that may qualify for this study: [To be added].

**ENDSURVEY3** Thank you for completing this survey. We appreciate your help and your contribution to understanding the problem of children abducted by family members.

**ENDSURVEY4** Thank you for completing this survey. We appreciate your help and your contribution to understanding the problem of children abducted by family members. Please use this link to access questions about your next case that may qualify for this study: [To be added].